

ALLEN W. HARDIE.

DECEMBER 22, 1831.

Mr. MARSHALL, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the petition of Allen W. Hardie, of the city of New York, having considered the same, report:*

That the petitioner prays to be allowed to complete the payments, and obtain patents, for two quarter sections of land, in the district west of Pearl river, which he claims right to do, as assignee of the original certificates of purchase, issued in 1818, to Abram Lundy, who, in that year, purchased the two quarter sections, at two dollars per acre for each, and paid one-fourth of the price, the remaining three-fourths being still unpaid. It appears that Nathaniel Kimball, who was the holder by assignment of the said certificates, received in July, 1830, in answer to a letter of inquiry relative to the said two quarter sections, addressed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, a letter from the Chief Clerk in said office (during the illness of the Commissioner) informing him that he could now complete his payments under the act of Congress passed at the previous session, a copy of which was enclosed, and which appears to be the act of 31st March, 1830, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the suppression of fraudulent practices at the public sales of the lands of the United States;" that Kimball exhibited this letter to the petitioner, who, in full reliance upon, and induced by the information it contained, purchased the two certificates from Kimball for a property consideration equivalent to more than two thousand dollars; but upon afterwards applying to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for information as to the time, manner and amount of the payments to be made for said land, according to the provisions of the said act of 31st March, 1830, he was, in substance, informed that his case was not embraced by that act; that there was no law under which he could complete the payments, and that the first information had been given under the erroneous impression that there had been a further credit on the lands in question which had reverted to the United States: whereupon the petitioner stating his readiness, and offering to complete the payments according to the provisions of the above mentioned act of 1830, prays for a special act permitting him to do so.

The committee have ascertained from the General Land Office, that, in consequence of these facts, the lands to which the petition relates have been withheld from sale. Under all the circumstances, they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and to that end report the following bill.

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That the petitioner prays to be allowed to complete the payments, and obtain patents for two quarter sections of land in the thirty west of First river, which he claims right to do, as assignee of the original contractor of purchase, dated in 1812, to Adams Landry, who in that year purchased the two quarter sections at two dollars per acre for cash, and paid one-fourth of the price, the remaining three-fourths being still unpaid. It appears that Nathaniel Kimball, who was the holder by assignment of the said certificate, received in July, 1830, is answer to a letter of inquiry relative to the said two quarter sections, addressed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, a letter from the Chief Clerk in said office (during his absence of the Commissioner) informing him that he could not complete his payments under the act of Congress passed at the previous session, a copy of which was enclosed, and which appears to be the act of 31st March, 1830, entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers of public lands, and for the redemption of forfeited parcels at the public sale of the lands of the United States," that Kimball exhibited this letter to the petitioner, who in full reliance upon, and induced by the information it contained, purchased the two quarter sections from Kimball for a property consideration equivalent to more than two thousand dollars; but upon afterwards applying to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for information as to the time, manner and amount of the payments to be made for said land, according to the provisions of the said act of 31st March, 1830, he was, in substance, informed that his case was not embraced by that act; that there was no law under which he could complete the payments, and that the first information had been given under the erroneous impression that there had been a further credit on the lands in question which had reverted to the United States; whereupon the petitioner seeking his certificate, and offering to complete the payments according to the provisions of the above mentioned act of 1830, prays for a special act permitting him to do so.

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